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**ENCAPSULATION PRODUCTS FOR CONTROLLED OR EXTENDED
RELEASE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period was set to expire on October 25, 2003, a Saturday, thus extending the time of response to the next business day, October 27, 2003; accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following amendment should be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 because the amendments and remarks place this application in condition for allowance. As such, in view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT